

NEWS OF DISTRICT MILITIA



By RUSSELL M. McLENNAN.

First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, U. S. G. D. C. The officers' schools, held three nights a week, are proving a great success. Each meeting is attended by Capt. J. R. Allison, U. S. A., the inspector-instructor for the District National Guard, and the officers are benefiting by his instructive talks.

Interesting drills are being held every Friday night by the First Battery, Field Artillery, which is under the command of Capt. J. Harry Shannon. The battery has gone back to permanent section formation for its drill work, which is made doubly interesting by the use of horses for the harness drill and the mounted drill.

Sgt. Benjamin, of the regular army, is conducting the school for battery non-commissioned officers.

Maj. Boyd Taylor, the paymaster of the Signal Corps, is now busily engaged on his annual report and is being assisted by Capt. T. H. Clark.

Maj. Taylor, who has been connected with the Washington Loan and Trust Company for twenty-two years, and who is now its assistant treasurer, was appointed paymaster, with the rank of major, in August, 1900. Previous to that time he was for many years connected with the pay department of the Guard in a civilian capacity.

Capt. Oliver C. Terry, commanding the Signal Corps, has begun his preparations for the next annual encampment. Due to the mounting of the entire command and its growth since he was assigned to its command, the work in preparation is proving heavy.

Requisitions for electrical, ordnance, and quartermaster supplies in large quantities have been sent to headquarters, and are being approved.

The drills of the company in telegraphy and telephone are proving interesting, and the men are showing that the instruction given them is not wasted. There are at least five who give promise of being good telegraphers by next summer.

As the usefulness of a soldier depends as much upon his efficiency as a marksman, and in the handling of the rifle, special attention will be devoted this winter and next summer to instruction along these lines. With this in view, the following general order concerning rifle practice for the ensuing year, has been issued by Brig. Gen. Harries, commanding:

It is believed that the best results for the entire Guard will be obtained by limiting the prescribed rifle practice to officers and non-commissioned officers, and by having the remainder of the Guard practice in the platoon, position and aiming drills, and by furnishing a reasonable amount of rifle practice free for the prescribed and voluntary practice.

The low figure of merit of the Guard is due primarily to nonattendance at the target range, and to the lack of preliminary instruction of many officers and men before going to the range. It is the duty of every officer to see that his men attain a reasonable degree of proficiency with the weapon with which his command is armed, and to be able to instruct the enlisted men of his command in the platoon, position and aiming drills, and to give this instruction to his command.

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COLUMBIA TURNVEREIN TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Local Organization Was Founded Sixty Years Ago by German Pioneers.

It will be sixty years next spring that the Columbia Turnverein was founded and organized by a handful of Germans who had left the old fatherland during the troublous years of 1848, when revolutionary uprisings at Berlin and other German centers all but brought the monarchical system to an end and established representative government. Inspired by their love of freedom and independence, principles which are the foundation stones of the system of gymnastics founded by Turnvater Jahn, about fifteen German citizens, on July 11, 1852, founded and organized what is to-day the Columbia Turnverein. A little more than ten years afterward, on April 11, 1862, the members of the turnverein answered the call of President Lincoln for volunteers, and served throughout the civil war with great credit as a separate German regiment. Relics of those days, proudly exhibited at their hall, at 28 M street, consisting of tattered uniforms, drums, muskets, etc., form part of the invaluable treasures of the turnverein.

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FRATERNAL SOCIETY NOTES

RED MEN'S CALENDAR.

October 20—Ozage Tribe, No. 4, Fifth and G streets northwest; Sioux Tribe, No. 10, 63 Louisiana avenue northwest; visitation of great chiefs; Omaha Council, No. 2, Degree of Pocahontas, at Anacostia Masonic Hall.

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grand regents, and members of the Grand Council, paid official visits to Capitol Hill, No. 33, Thursday night, and to the National Council, No. 66, Friday night. There were a large number of the members of the order present on both of these occasions. Other visitations have been announced by the grand regent as follows: Municipal Council, No. 236, Wednesday night; Annapolis Council, No. 275, Friday night; District Council, No. 1555, November 2; Francis Scott Key Council, No. 1815, November 16; Ouray Council, No. 1900, November 20; Klarnet Council, No. 1576, November 23; National Council, No. 1576, November 27; and Oriental Council, No. 312, November 28.

George K. Bender, of Alexandria, Tent, No. 2, K. O. T. M., of Alexandria, Va., has been appointed a deputy for that tent. A new unit was instituted Tuesday night in South Richmond, Va.

Columbia Hive, No. 3, Ladies of the Macabees of the World, gave an entertainment at Pythian Temple Tuesday night, which was enjoyed by a large audience of members and friends of the hive.

Ethel Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, held a very interesting and well attended meeting last Monday evening. Among those present who are not regular attendants were Miss Gladys Sample, Mr. George Loeback, Mrs. Laura Lemmon, Mrs. Clara Short, Mrs. Harriet Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Midkiff, Mrs. Edna Chandler, Mrs. Grace Webster, Mr. Hartman, Mrs. Mary Jarboe, Mrs. S. G. Foose and Mrs. Marie Smith.

After the regular business of the evening, an open meeting was held, at which the entertainment committee presented the following program: Piano solo, Mrs. Margaret Laughlin; illustrated song, Miss Ann Suter; vocal solo, Miss Rachel Johnston, accompanied by Mrs. Lillian Shipman; illustrated sketch by Miss Helen Jarboe and Genevieve Frank, accompanied on the piano by Miss Joe Jarboe; instrumental solo by Miss Edna Chandler; and recitation by Miss Josette Jarboe.

The "Fellowship Club" recently organized by Master Masons employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and having for its object the cultivation of social and fraternal relations among the brethren, held a largely attended meeting at its temporary quarters in Pythian Temple Saturday night. Following the routine business, fourteen new members were taken into the club and eight applications for membership were received.

During the social season J. Claude Keiper, grand master of the Grand Lodge, F. A. M., of the District of Columbia, was the club's guest, and entertained those present with an interesting and instructive address, concluding his remarks by expressing in the highest terms his personal commendation and praise of the aims and objects of the club.

Grand Master Keiper was unanimously elected an honorary member of the club, for which he expressed his gratification and thanks.

Following the program, refreshments were served and all present exchanged greetings.

The next meeting of the club will be held Saturday night, November 15, when it is expected several of the other high officers of the fraternity will be present as guests. The following are the officers and standing committees for the ensuing year: Lynn H. Thompson, president; J. E. Berland, vice president; Oliver Bennett, secretary; Dr. G. B. Young, treasurer, who, together with C. H. Bredin and Blair McKenzie, comprise the executive committee; the committee on correspondence, consisting of J. E. Berland, A. Thomas, and Blair McKenzie; clerk committee, Oliver Bennett, R. B. O'Hara, and C. H. Bredin; entertainment committee, R. E. Layne, L. W. Harman, and William H. Mason; committee, John E. Rhodes and Oliver Bennett.

Flage Council, No. 24, United Commercial Travelers of America, held a special meeting October 13 to exemplify the degree work on a candidate who was compelled to leave on his trip before the next regular meeting.

The general committee, including the members of the executive committee, met on Friday night, October 13, to dispose of a large volume of business in order to save time for the council at its regular session in November, when an interesting program will be given.

The committee on arrangements, consisting of W. W. Mansfield, chairman; W. F. Bowen, J. M. Daly, George H. Price, E. J. Smith, J. E. Sheaffer, J. W. Harman, and William H. Mason, have prepared an excellent program for the special meeting of the council December 7, when the U. C. T. delegates to the National Lodge and Harbors Congress will be entertained.

Last Sunday evening the winter lecture course under the auspices of Keane Council, No. 1, was continued at the state deputy, E. P. Harrington, introduced the first lecturer, Mr. T. F. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University, who gave a historical lecture, taking as his theme "Saint Francis of Assisi," the founder of the Franciscan order.

At the regular meeting of Potomac Council on Monday evening there was a large attendance of members. After the business meeting a social session was held under the direction of the lecturer, Dr. Wrenn S. Howard. After an address by the state deputy there was an illustrated lecture by Mr. W. E. Saford on the island of Guam, which was warmly appreciated by all present.

Mr. W. T. Russell addressed a very largely attended meeting of Washington Council on Tuesday evening. Keane Council, No. 1, was the guest of the evening and much business was transacted. At the next meeting of this council nominations will be made for the officers to be elected in December for the year 1912.

The Grand Lodge officers paid their annual visit to Capitol Lodge Tuesday, October 24. The lodge was found to be in excellent condition, and the strongest financially. The hall was decorated for the occasion. Past Grand Chancellor John Phillips Meakin, of Utah, was speaker of the evening. His address was warmly appreciated by all present. Business refreshments were served.

The official visit of the Grand Lodge officers occurred at Syracuse Lodge, No. 10, Friday, October 27. The lodge was reported making gains steadily. The hall was well filled with members and visitors. All present spent an enjoyable evening.

Its last convention, J. G. Roberts, V. C.; Charles Miller, P., and R. S. Sebastian, J. G. The chancellor commander of Rathbone-Superior and a delegation from that lodge was present. The official visit will occur November 12.

The advisory board of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, held their monthly convention at the hall of Washington Camp, No. 4, on Thursday evening, with President B. B. Smith in the chair. Among the notables present were District President Washington P. Evans and National Representative Shipman. Arrangements were perfected for a series of visitations to the camps in this circuit, and a great deal of energy was reported being displayed in the camps of the District tending to a greatly increased membership. At a late hour the board adjourned to meet at Camp